

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 2994 - HB 3106**

February 22, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Gives veterans, who are Tennessee citizens with at least a 50 percent disability as certified by the Veteran's Administration, a 50 percent room fee reduction at all state park inns and cabins and a 50 percent reduction in green fees on certain golf courses in state parks.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Decrease State Revenue – Exceeds \$75,000**

Assumptions:

- Based on data obtained from the Department of Veterans Affairs, there are over 19,000 veterans in the state of Tennessee with a service-connected disability of 50 percent or more.
- State park room and cabin rates and greens fees vary based on location, number of persons, number and day(s) of the week, and whether it is the peak season or the off season. In season room rates average \$70-\$75 per night and \$65-\$70 per night in the off season. In season greens fees average \$20-\$25 and \$15-\$20 in the off season.
- An estimated 10 percent ( $19,000 \times 10\% = 1,900$ ) would take advantage of the fee reduction and receive a 50 percent discount on rooms in state park inns and cabins resulting in a decrease in revenue of \$66,500 ( $1,900 \times \$35$  half-price on average for one night rental).
- An estimated five percent will receive discounts on greens fees at certain state park golf courses resulting in a decrease in revenue of \$9,500 ( $950 \times \$10$  half-price on average for one round of golf).
- The total decrease in revenue of an amount exceeding \$75,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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